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TAGS: SHUM, TPHY, BU, BE  
SUBJECT: MARINOV CASE: MARINOV VISIT TO EMBASSY

REF: BRUSSELS 04192

1. STEFAN MARINOV, WITH HIS BELGIAN WIFE, VISITED  
CONSULAR OFFICERS THIBAUT AND MOZUR AT EMBASSY ON MARCH 7.  
MARINOV SUMMARIZED HIS ACTIVITIES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND  
HIS RECENT TRIP TO MOSCOW, THEN INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE  
IS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF BULGARIAN DISSIDENCE. HE PLANS  
15-DAY HONEYMOON IN BULGARIA WITH HIS NEW -\*3.

2. MARINOV MADE STRONG PITCH FOR USG FAVORABLE SETTLE-  
MENT OF HIS "CLAIM" FOR COMPENSATION AND WAS INFORMED  
THAT USG POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED, I.E., THAT HE HAS  
NO CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION AND HE WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY  
MONEY FROM USG. MARINOV ELABORATED HIS FINANCIAL STRAITS  
AND ARGUED THAT USG IS ACTUALLY SUPPORTING REGIME IN  
BULGARIA BY REFUSING TO ADMIT HE WAS BEATEN IN EMBASSY,  
NYAND REFUSING TO PAY HII COMPENSATION.

3. MARINOV REQUESTED USG ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORTING HIS  
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REQUEST TO TEACH/LECTURE IN STATES. (NOTE: HE MADE SAME  
REQUEST IN BRUSSELS, PER REFTEL.) HE WAS INFORMED THAT  
USG ASSISTANCE WAS NOT POSSIBLE AND THAT HE MUST MAKE  
ARRANGEMENTS PRIVATELY (HROUGH HIS CONTACTS IN THE  
SCIENTIFIC FIELDS.

4. MARINOV FULLY EXPECTS TO RECEIVE APPROVAL OF GOB

PASSPORT AUTHORITIES FOR ANOTHER EXIT VISA. HE INTENDED THIS VISIT TO THE EMBASSY TO ALERT USG TO FACT HE HAD RETURNED TO BULGARIA. ALSO, HE INDICATED THAT HE WANTS TO GIVE DECLARATION ABOUT BULGARIAN SITUATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN PRESS AND THAT HE WISHES TO CONDUCT A PROGRAM OF "LEGAL OPPOSITION" TO GOB. ON LATTER POINT, MARINOV WAS NOT ABLE TO CLARIFY HOW HE EXPECTED TO CARRY OUT SUCH A PROGRAM IN THE 15 DAYS HE PLANNED TO STAY IN BULGARIA. AS PART OF HIS PROGRAM HE EXTENDED INVITATION TO CONSULAR OFFICERS, AND THROUGH THEM TO AMBASSADOR, TO DINE AT HIS HOME IN SOFIA TO PROVE TO GOB AUTHORITIES THAT HE INTENDED TO ASSOCIATE WITH WHOMEVER HE WISHED. CONSULAR OFFICERS POLITELY DECLINED INVITATION, AND SAID IT WAS EQUALLY UNLIKELY THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD ACCEPT. WE INFORMED MARINOV THAT HIS PASSPORT SITUATION WITH GOB WAS NOW THE SAME AS BEFORE HE RECEIVED THE GOB PASSPORT, THAT IS, GOB PASSPORT OFFICE OFFICIALS ARE ABLE TO DENY HIM AN EXIT VISA ON ANY PRETEXT AND USG WOULD NOT WANT TO BE HELD IN PART OR WHOLE TO BLAME FOR ANY ADVERSE SITUATION. MARINOV WAS ADVISED THAT HIS BELGIAN WIFE OFFERED HIM THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT HIMSELF AGAINST THE GOB AUTHORITIES, IF HE IS DETAINED OR DENIED AN EXIT VISA. MARINOV STATED THAT THEY BOTH UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BELGIAN EMBASSY COULD REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS WITH GOB.

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5. MARINOV STATED THAT HE PLANNED TO VISIT THE CHIEF OF THE SOFIA PASSPORT OFFICE TO MAKE REQUEST FOR EXIT VISA. (NOTE: WHEN MARINOV WAS ISSUED PASSPORT HE WAS TOLD BY GOB OFFICIALS TO TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA AND NEVER RETURN TO BULGARIA.) MARINOV BELIEVES HIS CASE WILL BE DECIDED AT VERY HIGH GOB/PARTY LEVELS AND HE IS CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL RECEIVE A NEW EXIT VISA.

6. MARINOV CLAIMED THAT HE WAS NOT QUESTIONED ON HIS ENTRY TO BULGARIA AT SOFIA AIRPORT ON MARCH 4 AND THAT GOB CUSTOMS DID NOT CHECK HIS BAGGAGE, WHICH CONTAINED DISSIDENT LITERATURE FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

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